

EXTRA SPECIAL

Today we received advise that another car of melons is enroute, this means **We Will Have to Hurry** and dispose of those now on hand, so today we begin the greatest melon sale of the season and offer you the finest melons in the city, the kind that are good and give you satisfaction in eating them. Come early and avoid the rush, be one of the first and get the pick of the lot. We guarantee everything we sell and sell all we guarantee.

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John Allen, whose use of a gun created consternation among several fishermen Monday night, appeared before Police Judge Anderson yesterday afternoon. He was fined \$49, and in default of the amount was sent to jail for 20 days.

The United States steamer Columbine, in command of Captain Richards, leaves at 6 o'clock this morning for Alaska. The captain expects to return to this part of the coast about September 10.

The case of the city of Astoria against Paul Strain was set for trial by Judge Anderson at 10 o'clock this morning. Strain is alleged to have violated the hawk ordinance. A jury has been summoned and the case will be tried before it.

Next Sunday the Commercial Club baseball team will play at South Bend. The following Sunday the Schiller team will be here to meet the clubmen. During regatta week the Multnomah team will play two games here, one on Friday and the other on Saturday.

Mayor Surprenant yesterday signed all of the ordinances passed at Monday night's meeting of the council, and as many of the warrants as Auditor Anderson was able to prepare during the day. The bills allowed by the council Monday night necessitated about 160 warrants.

The first wagon to arrive in the city over the new road from Clatsop reached town yesterday. The road is not yet in as good shape as it is intended to put it, but work is going steadily forward. The completion of this road will be a boon to settlers on the west side.

Four new flats are to be erected by the owners of the property at Thirteenth and Exchange streets. The flats will be modern in every respect and will prove a slight addition to that growing section of the city. Two cottages are being erected on the property at the corner of Sixth and Bond streets, and many other buildings are going up in different parts of the city. The present building boom is the most

extensive in the history of the city. Every building now in course of construction for which plans have been prepared has been rented, and scores of persons are clamoring for homes.

The county court held a brief adjourned session yesterday. The contract for the building of a bridge over the south fork of the Klaskanine was awarded to J. C. Relerson. A few other minor matters were attended to and adjournment was taken until August 23.

Tomorrow evening Astoria Central Labor Council will hold a meeting at the Fishermen's hall for the purpose of deciding upon the manner of celebrating Labor day. Sentiment favors an excursion to Seaside and it is thought probable the excursion will be arranged for.

An officer from Fort Stevens came to the city yesterday for the purpose of identifying "Harry Hogue," the man who held up L. Larson and robbed him. The robber was recognized as a man who enlisted at the post three months ago under the name of Henry Anderson. Harry Hogue is the name of another soldier at the fort.

Receipts of fish at the various canneries were about the same yesterday as on the previous day. Gillnetters who fished near the mouth of the river made fair hauls, averaging about 400 pounds, but salmon were scarce at up-river points. The fish are of fine quality and many taken yesterday were very large, weighing over 50 pounds. The canneries operated from 10 to 5.

The social given by St. Mary's Guild last evening was attended by a large number of ladies and gentlemen and proved an interesting event. Whist was played, prizes being won by the following: Lady's first prize, Miss May Magee; consolation prize, Mrs. M. Nowlen; gentleman's first prize, C. Jones; consolation prize, H. J. Langoe. At the conclusion of the card playing dancing occupied the time for more than an hour.

The father of a lad who attends the city schools and follows the instructions of his teacher as to the system of writing he shall employ complains that vertical writing is an abomination and should be abolished. "I noticed my boy a day or two as he wrote," said the father in question, "and I believe the board ought to be enjoined from permitting such a system. Not only

are the letters poorly shaped, but the writer must take his pen from the paper every time he forms a letter, making writing slow. It is a shame to teach such a system of penmanship in the schools, and I sincerely hope the board will abolish vertical writing before the next school term begins. Do you suppose a business man would employ a lad who wrote a vertical hand? Why, the hand is enough to keep any lad out of employment."

A prominent member of the Chamber of Commerce has the following suggestions to offer relative to the preservation of landmarks and historical spots: "Let the city purchase the lot on the east of the city hall site and preserve it as the oldest white man's graveyard, which it is. Extend Duane street from the Shively line to Twelfth street, which at one point would be 110 feet wide. In the center of the greatest width lay off a space for a fountain and statue of Captain Gray, who discovered the Columbia river. There is not a square or open space in the city sufficiently large for a fountain or monument of any kind. These things would add greatly to the attractiveness of the city and be of commercial value also."

The Commercial Club football team was out last night for the first time. Blair will play with the team the coming season. He has an eastern record as long as the gridiron and is acknowledgedly the greatest tackle on the coast. Stockton is heavier and stockier this year than last and will make an ideal quarterback. Jack Bay will play his old position and Charles Gammal will continue to pose as the Rock of Gibraltar during the game. Harry Graham will be in the game this fall after a season's rest, and Brother Roxy will be behind the line. George Barker, Minard, Sutton and all of last year's players will be available, and the club will have a team that will show Multnomah some speed. The men will practice faithfully from this time on.

The local court of Foresters will tonight celebrate Foresters' day, the anniversary of the separation of the American order from the parent body in England. The separation was brought about August 15, 1899, but the celebration was deferred until tonight, when the regular meeting is held. Upon cutting loose from the English order the American wing became known as the Ancient Order of Foresters of America, but in 1895 the name was changed to the Foresters of America. Tonight's celebration of the anniversary will take the form of a social, at which a musical and literary program will be rendered. Refreshments will be served and the affair will be concluded with a dance. It is expected that the members will be out in force to take part.

Some of the local contractors who tendered bids upon the city hall construction are not at all satisfied with the manner in which the awards were made. In the first place, the building and foundation were advertised for with the understanding that one joint bid should be presented for both, and one bid was required for the heating and plumbing. Hot water heating apparatus was specified in the advertisement, yet when a hot-air blast bid was presented, without any notice that such work would be satisfactory, the contract was awarded to the man who offered to install the hot-air system. A prominent plumbing contractor stated last night that the whole procedure was extremely questionable—enough so, he declared, to justify an investigation. The omission of the cells in the city jail is also causing much unfavorable comment, and even City Attorney Smith agrees that the city officials have displayed very poor judgment in awarding the various contracts. "It was claimed last evening that a Portland contractor has been the beneficiary in the bidding on considerable public work here, and that there was a manifest disposition to give local bidders the worst of it.

Councilman Belland was inclined to be a little hostile in his opinions as to the plans for the city hall when the matter was brought before the council for discussion Monday night. "I think the best thing we can do is to send the plans back to the architect for revision," declared Mr. Belland. "About the only thing correct in the whole arrangement is his 5 per cent allowance for the work he is doing." Several errors had crept into the specifications, one in particular being prominent. In providing for payment for extra work the specifications stipulated that the concrete work should be paid for at the rate of \$9.50 per cubic foot. "This is an error," said Mr. Ferguson, one of the contractors, addressing the council. "The price should be \$9.50 per cubic yard. Of course, we would not take advantage of the error even if it were to be allowed to stand, but we would

prefer to have it corrected." It seems that the committee on public property decided to temporarily dispense with the steel cells for the jail, and also with the padded cell, and that the contractors were so notified before bidding upon the work. However, it was necessary to make the omission by means of resolution. Later on brick or stone walls can be raised and the big cell partitioned off into four inclosed cells for unruly prisoners.

The Boston Post of August 9 contains an excellent likeness of Captain Goodale, who is attending the G. A. R. encampment, and publishes the following account of the reception tendered the captain upon his arrival at the Hub: "A veteran never was greeted with a more cordial reception than that which was tendered Captain Charles L. Goodale when he entered the G. A. R. encampment headquarters yesterday morning. Captain Goodale came all the way from Astoria, Ore., a distance of 3665 miles, to attend the encampment and to once more meet his old comrades of the civil war. At the age of 18 years he enlisted in company B, Forty-third Massachusetts regiment, which was part of the Eighteenth army corps, under General Foster, and was stationed most of the campaign in North Carolina, and a short while with the army of Virginia. The most important battles Captain Goodale figured in were those at Goldsboro, Whitehall and Kinston. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war he was appointed captain and quartermaster in the volunteers, stationed at Montauk Point. He was afterwards detailed to Jacksonville, Savannah, Havana and Columbia barracks, Cuba. In 1901 he was commissioned captain and quartermaster in the regular army at the latter place, in charge of constructions. On his return to the United States in 1901 he was assigned to the important constructions at Fort Stevens, Ore., and Fort Columbia, Wash., and is now permanently stationed at Astoria. As a Grand Army man he has always been prominent, both in this state and outside. From 1879 to 1883 he was elected as commander of Post 66, S. C. Lawrence of Medford, and also passed through all the chairs to department commander of Massachusetts. He will be a special guest of the executive committee during encampment week." Captain Goodale writes to a friend in this city that he reached Boston on the 7th inst., after a pleasant journey. Boston is gaily decorated for the gathering of the old soldiers and the encampment is about the most notable event in the history of the city.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. Sofus Jensen were in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Swepson Morton and Miss Morton are visiting in Portland. Mrs. Sabine, of Knappton, is in the city visiting with friends. She will return home tomorrow.

C. H. Overbaugh, traveling freight agent for the O. R. & N. lines, was in the city on business yesterday.

Captain Richardson, of the Columbine, last night bid farewell to his friends. He starts north today with the Columbine, to be gone for a month.

A. N. Bohn, formerly of Ilwaco, is in the city from The Dalles. Mr. Bohn is in business at The Dalles, and since removing to the up-river city has been much improved in health.

Miss Leta Drain, who has been visiting in Portland, has returned home, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. N. D. Singleton. Mrs. Singleton will remain in the city until after the regatta.

Miss Lou DeYo, who had been visiting with her sister, Mrs. W. O. Barnes, left Monday for Berkeley and San Francisco, where she will visit with friends for a short time, going then to Red Bluff, to resume her duties as teacher in the Red Bluff high school.

OFF FOR THE WORLD'S FAIR.

A number of Astorians will start for the great St. Louis fair early next month, among whom there will be a bunch of Herman Wise's customers, who are wise enough to buy their clothing, hats, etc., at Herman Wise's elegant store.

On the evening of the 29th of this month Mr. Wise gives a dance for the benefit of his customers; there will be cakewalks and fancy dancing for presents, and at about 11 o'clock the night it will be decided which of Herman Wise's clothing customers shall receive the first-class round-trip tickets to and from the famous St. Louis fair. Mr. Wise gives a number with each ten-dollar purchase.

Meeting Notice.

Astoria Central Labor Council will hold a special meeting at the Fishermen's hall on Astor street Thursday evening, August 18, at 7:30. All members are requested to be present.

H. B. CORNELL,
Secretary.

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